

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

All pending claims are reproduced below.

Claims 1-24. (Cancelled).

Claim 25. (Currently amended) A composition comprising a double or triple salt of hydroxycitric acid, and

(a) approximately 14 to 26% by weight of calcium, and

(b) approximately 24 to 40% by weight of potassium or approximately 14 to 24% by weight of sodium, or a mixture thereof,

each calculated as a percentage of the total hydroxycitric acid content of said composition.

Claim 26. (Currently amended) ~~A The composition containing a double or triple salt of hydroxycitric acid as recited in claim 25, wherein the composition comprises~~ comprising:

(a) at least approximately 40% by weight of hydroxycitric acid, and

(b) approximately 5 to 13% by weight of calcium, and

(c) approximately 9 to 20% by weight of potassium or approximately 5 to 12% by weight of sodium, or a mixture thereof,

each calculated as a percentage of the total weight of said composition.

Claim 27. (Currently amended) ~~A The composition containing a double or triple salt of hydroxycitric acid in claim 25, wherein the composition comprises~~ comprising:

(a) approximately 55 to 65% by weight of hydroxycitric acid, and

(b) approximately 9 to 13% by weight of calcium, and

(c) approximately 14 to 18% by weight of potassium,

each calculated as a percentage of the total weight of said composition.

Claim 28. (Cancelled).

Claim 29. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], wherein the lactone form of hydroxycitric acid comprises less than approximately 4% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

Claim 30. (Cancelled).

Claim 31. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], wherein the composition is for reducing body weight.

Claim 32. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], wherein the composition is administered to a mammal in the range of approximately 1 to 50 milligrams per kilogram of body weight of said mammal per dose.

Claim 33. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], wherein the composition is administered to a human in the range of approximately 15 to 3000 milligrams of hydroxycitric acid per dose.

Claim 34. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], wherein the composition is administered in multiple doses up to three times per day.

Claim 35. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], wherein the composition has negligible odor, taste and color.

Claim 36. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], wherein the composition is highly soluble in water and clear in solution.

Claim 37. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], wherein the composition has minimal hygroscopicity.

Claim 38. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], where in the composition is administered in pill, powder, liquid, food, beverage or pharmaceutical form.

Claim 39. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], where in the composition is administered as a dietary supplement, food, beverage or drug.

Claim 40. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], where in the composition is administered in foods or beverages at a concentration of approximately 0.001 to 25% by weight of the total weight of said food or beverage.

Claim 41. (Currently amended) The composition in claim 25 [[28]], where in the composition is administered in foods or beverages at a concentration of approximately 0.05 to 5% by weight of the total weight of said food or beverage.

Claim 42-44. (Cancelled).